

**YATES CENTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2022**

Yates Center City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 7, 2022, at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Weston called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call as follows: Barney, Reed, Stewart, Spoon, Cathcard, Shaffer, Cavender, and Kee. Other city officials present included: City Attorney Brian Duncan, Public Works Director Eric Boone, Police Officer Chris Bowman, Deputy City Clerk Janet Thompson, and City Clerk Becky Boice.

AGENDA AMENDED & APPROVED

Reed removed Jon Ireland from the agenda and added Marvin Chrisman with the Recreation Commission.

Spoon added adopt Ordinance Number 1158 and lien releases under administrative.

Kee added adopt Ordinance Number 1159 under public works.

Jessica Sager with CDL cancelled.

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Shaffer, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Kee, to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022, meeting as printed. Motion carried with Cathcard voting no and Shaffer abstaining.

ATMOS ENERGY

Aaron Bishop, Dale Mayfield, and Chuck Morrison, representing ATMOS energy, presented council with information packets on the project that will be starting next week to replace approximately 300 gas service lines. Contact information was left in case any questions or concerns come up.

GARY & NICOLE MORRIS

Gary and Nicole Morris presented council with a business plan and a business incentive application for Antiques, Boutiques, and Sweets, their new business that will be opening Memorial weekend. All required paperwork was supplied.

Motion was made by Cathcard, seconded by Kee, to award the following business incentives to Antiques, Boutiques, and Sweets:

- \$5,000 for 50/50 reimbursement on repair expenses
- Four-year city property tax incentive
- Provide a ¾" meter for an upstairs apartment
- Free water for one year

Motion carried unanimously.

CHRISMAN REC UPDATE

Marvin Chrisman with the Yates Center Recreation Commission updated council on recently completed projects and upcoming projects at the ballfields.

CITY ATTORNEY

Duncan gave a brief update on the status of a property in code violation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE ¾ CENT SALES TAX

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Spoon, to put the ¾ cent sales tax that is sunsetting in September, on the November ballot to reinstate it. Kee stressed that this is not a new tax but one that has been in effect for almost 10 years. Motion carried unanimously.

The ¾ cent is divided as follows:

- Economic Development 20%
These funds are used for the City's portion of the Chamber of Commerce, economic grants for the repair and upkeep of buildings on the square, business incentives, property tax incentives, and sidewalk grants. Tax collected from 2013 -2021 was \$250,727.77.
- Special Highway 20%
These funds are used for operating expenses on repairing city streets. The funds can also be used for matching grants on the repair of the highways through town. Tax collected from 2013-2021 was \$250,727.77.

- Special Law & Emergency Vehicles – 25%
These funds are used for emergency vehicles for the fire and police departments. Funds were used as a match for the fire department's new ladder truck. Tax collected from 2013-2021 was \$313,409.73.
- Parks & Public Lands – 7.5%
These funds are used for repairs, new equipment, and maintenance of the city park and RV parks. Tax collected from 2013-2021 was \$94,022.92
- Ballfields – 7.5%
These funds are used for repairs, new equipment, and upgrades at the ballfields. Tax collected from 2013-2021 was \$94,022.92
- Fire Station – 10%
These funds are used for the utilities and maintenance of the Yates Center Volunteer Fire Department Station. Tax collected from 2013-2021 was \$125,363.89.
- Swimming Pool – 10%
These funds are used as a pool reserve for major capital improvements, equipment and repairs. This is a separate sales tax than the .25% for the new swimming pool loan. Tax collected from 2013-2021 was \$125,363.89.

The money received from the ¾ cent sales tax cannot be spent other than the fund specified. Sales tax is paid by everyone who purchases anything in Yates Center. This is not a property tax. Plans are underway for council to educate the public and be available to answer questions.

WO CO NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN

Kee presented the WOODSON COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Spoon, to support the Woodson County Commissions with their plan. Motion carried unanimously.

SHEPARD SIDEWALK GRANT

Kee presented a sidewalk grant application from Jason Shepard for 501 E. Kansas. Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Shaffer, to approve a sidewalk grant up to \$750.00. Motion carried unanimously.

INDUSTRIAL PARK SIGN

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the council to have Spoon research a sign for the industrial park.

ORDINANCE 1159

Duncan presented Ordinance Number 1159 for adoption; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 6, SECTION NO. 1-609 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YATES CENTER, REQUESTS TO BE DIRECTED TO CUSTODIANS.

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Stewart, to adopt Ordinance Number 1159 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CDBG LIEN RELEASES

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cavender, to authorize the mayor to sign the remaining lien releases from the previous CDBG Housing Grant. Motion carried with Spoon abstaining.

SAFETY

Cathcard updated council on the USDA grant for fire and police equipment that the city would be applying for.

**PUBLIC WORKS
ORDINANCE NUMBER 1158**

Duncan presented Ordinance Number 1158 for adoption; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE 1, SECTION NUMBER 15-101(B) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YATES CENTER, APPLICATION FOR SERVICE OF WATER.

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Shaffer, to adopt Ordinance Number 1158 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PARKS & PUBLIC LANDS
LINCOLN PARK EQUIPMENT**

Discussion was held on equipment for Lincoln Park. It was the consensus of the council to remove the item from the agenda to allow the committee to gather more information.

FISH FOOD BIDS

Reed presented two bids for fish food for the city lakes:

SEK Coop	
Floating	941.00 per ton
Sinking	881.00 per ton

Yates Center Elevator	
Floating	828.00 per ton
Sinking	1086.00 per ton

Motion was made by Reed, seconded by Cathcard, to purchase three tons of sinking fish food from SEK Coop for \$2643.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Reed, seconded by Cathcard, to purchase four tons of floating fish food from the Yates Center Elevator for \$3312.00. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR COMMENTS

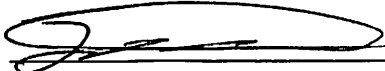
Weston had nothing at this time.

CLAIMS & VOUCHERS

Motion was made by Kee, seconded by Cathcard, to pay the claims and vouchers in the amount of \$59,718.11. Motion carried unanimously.

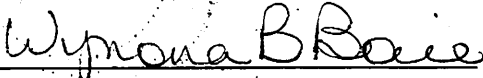
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Spoon, seconded by Cathcard, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and council adjourned at 9:00pm.



Justin W Weston, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wynona B. Boice, City Clerk

Approved March 21, 2022